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
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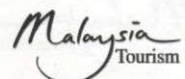
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I am delighted to state that the year 2001 has been a very good year for tourism in Malaysia with tourist arrivals having reached a new record high of 12.77 million, representing a growth of 25.0% over the year 2000. This achievement translates into tourism receipts estimated at RM20 billion and thus has put Malaysia in good stead viz-a-viz other neighbouring destinations.

This dramatic growth of tourist arrivals could not have been possible without the full support and cooperation of everyone concerned in the industry. In view of this it is opportune for me to record our sincere appreciation and our thanks to all industry

partners, as well as the media, at home in Malaysia and in all our overseas markets, for helping Malaysia achieve this excellent result. However, in the very competitive tourism industry, truth is, there is really no time for us to rest on our laurels.

I am sure all of us in the Malaysian tourism industry would be keen to repeat last year's success in terms of tourist arrivals for year 2002. Be that as it may, in light of current world events, the economic situation in several countries and the level of traveller's confidence, the new marketing year is expected to be very challenging. Thus, we need to remain focused, committed, innovative and creative.

Concurrently, we all need to continue promoting multi-racial Malaysia as a tolerant and peaceful country, where people of different ethnic groups live together harmoniously, as they have done for generations. Foreign guests who have had the opportunity to attend our festive 'Open House' such as the "Hari Raya Open House" hosted by the Honourable Prime Minister at his official residence in Putrajaya recently, will surely be able to attest to this unique intermingling of peoples of different race, creed and colour. Malaysia is truly a melting pot of Asian and other ethnic groups. This is a strong marketing point that we should capitalize on, besides the fact that Malaysia offers colourful festivals and carnivals throughout the year.

The going may be tough, but I have no doubt that having weathered many storms together, our industry partners and the media will continue to stand firm with Tourism Malaysia to take on the new challenges with greater vigour, determination and commitment such that Malaysia would continue to remain the top-of-mind destination for world travellers.

"MALAYSIA BOLEH"

Abdullah Jonid

Director-General
Tourism Malaysia



Visit friendly Malaysia and discover more of Asia in one destination. In exotic multi-racial Malaysia, you will find people of many ethnic groups living in peace and harmony. The Malays, Chinese, Indians, the Kadazans, Muruts, Bajaus, Ibans, Bidayus, Orang Ulu, Eurasians and other groups have preserved their culture while being Malaysian. In attire, food, customs, traditions, music, dance and festivals, the great cultures of Malaysia come alive. Revel in our colourful carnivals, exciting sights, fantastic shopping and great dining. Enjoy life!

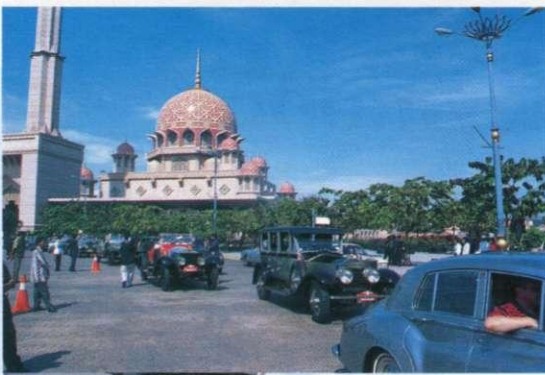


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15 - 18 March	EUDI Show - <i>Verona, Italy</i>
16 - 20 March	International Tourisme Borse (ITB) - <i>Berlin, Germany</i>
21 - 24 March	TUR de Gothenburg - <i>Gothenburg, Sweden</i>
27 - 30 March	9th Moscow International Travel Fair (MITT) - <i>Moscow, Russia</i>
1 - 7 April	Malaysia Week - <i>Osaka, Japan</i>
3 - 6 April	PATA Travel Mart - <i>Singapore, Singapore</i>
3 - 6 April	Ukraine International Travel Trade 2002 - <i>Kiev, Ukraine</i>
5 - 8 April	Arab World Travel & Tourism Exchange (AWTT) - <i>Beirut, Lebanon</i>
8 - 13 April	Jeddah Amusement Leisure & Tourism Expo (JALTIX 2002) - <i>Jeddah, Saudi Arabia</i>
25 - 28 April	Okayama International Orchid Festival - <i>Okayama, Japan</i>
25 - 28 April	Taichung International Leisure & Travel Exhibition - <i>Taichung, Taiwan</i>
25 - 28 April	Tourist Panorama - <i>Athens, Greece</i>



Rolls Royce Tour of Malaysia

ROLLS ROYCE OWNERS from United Kingdom, Australia and Western Europe enjoyed a 17-day tour of Malaysia from 25 Oct – 11 Nov with the main focus of increasing their awareness of the country. The tour began with a welcome dinner in Kuala Lumpur graced by guest-of-honour The Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, and The Honourable Minister of Culture, Arts and Tourism YB Dato' Abdul Kadir Hj Sheikh Fadzir. The latter flagged-off the fleet of 87 Rolls Royces and Bentleys the next day at Dataran Putra in Putrajaya (the new government administrative centre).

Places of interest in the itinerary included Kuala Lumpur, the Sepang International Circuit (home of the Petronas Malaysian F1 Grand Prix), Selangor, Malacca, Seri Menanti Royal Museum in Negri Sembilan, the Palace in Kuala Kangsar and Pangkor Laut Resort (Perak), Cameron Highlands and Penang.

Tourism Malaysia co-ordinated all local arrangements for the tour, organised by the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club (RREC).



Clockwise from top left:

1. Putrajaya Mosque in the background
2. Y.B Dato' Abdul Kadir (left) with participant
3. Rolls Royce Tour participants
4. Cultural performance at welcome dinner
5. The flag-off in Putrajaya
6. At Sepang International Circuit

OIC Tourism Meet

TRAVELS between the peoples of Muslim countries is one effective way of uniting the Islamic countries, said the Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the opening of the Second Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) on 12 Oct 2001 in Kuala Lumpur. The Honourable Prime Minister also told participants from 29 countries that there were many benefits from touring other Muslim countries, such as getting to know the historical connection and linkages.

The Malaysian tourism sector has become the country's second biggest revenue earner, Dato' Mustapha Mohamed, Executive Director, National Economic Action Council said in his keynote address at the Tourism Seminar organised by Tourism Malaysia in conjunction with the conference. The seminar was themed "Tourism Challenges and Opportunities".

The Tourism & Trade Fair held concurrently attracted exhibitors from 14 countries. Malaysia fielded 50 participants including travel agents, hotels and resorts, private hospitals and six state tourism organisations.



Holiday Malaysia Expo 2001 in S'pore

TOURISM MALAYSIA together with state tourism authorities, travel agents and hotels participated at the Holiday Malaysia Expo in Singapore, Malaysia's biggest tourist market, from 20-21 Oct 2001.

Launching the exhibition, Tourism Malaysia Director-General Abdullah Jonid (top photo) said, "Everyone knows Malaysia is a Muslim country which practises a peaceful, moderate and tolerant brand of Islam. I believe every traveller knows of this and thus should not be unduly worried about safety and security when visiting Malaysia."

He also spoke of Malaysia's "earnest and sincere desire to accord every Singaporean and foreign visitor our warmest and friendliest of hospitality as we would normally accord guests to our home."



Exotic wedding & honeymoon in Malaysia



LONDON-BASED AUSTRALIAN Natalie Dixon, editor of Health and Leisure Destinations, could not contain her excitement when she was asked by Tourism Malaysia at EIBTM 2001 in Geneva in May 2001: Would you like a traditional Malay, Chinese or Indian Hindu-style wedding in Malaysia? She was the lucky winner of a wedding and honeymoon package at the Tourism Malaysia Incentive Cocktail / Dinner Reception, which was promoting Malaysia as a wedding and honeymoon destination.

Natalie chose the Indian Hindu-style wedding. So in Kuala Lumpur in Oct 2001, while she wore a brilliant red bridal saree with fragrant jasmine in her hair, bridegroom Kevin Foley, a Scotsman, donned a white outfit of *veshti* and *jubbah* with headgear. The



couple then went through the complete Hindu wedding rituals in a temple in Kuala Lumpur, witnessed by Tourism Malaysia officers and an Indian 'foster' family.

The couple later honeymooned on Langkawi Island and in Kuching in Sarawak. "It's like a dream come true, it was so exotic and beautiful," said Natalie of her wedding.



Good response in Kunming

TOURISM MALAYSIA's booth at the China International Travel Mart Exhibition (8-11 Nov 2001) in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China attracted good response not only from foreign buyers but also the local residents. The Muslim community was especially keen to know more about the way of life of Muslims in Malaysia.



Roadshow in Indonesia



TRAVEL AGENTS, hotels and the Sunway Lagoon Theme Park participated in a Tourism Malaysia trade and consumer roadshow to Bandung, Jakarta and Surabaya in Indonesia from 21 Oct - 1 Nov 2001, led by Tourism Malaysia Director-General Abdullah Jonid. The focus was on tourism as well as education and medical facilities. The hotels represented were Genting Awana, A'Famosa, Grand Seasons and Federal while the travel agencies were Triways, Taikar, Skyzone, Oad, MP, SRT and Tina.



Promo in Reunion



REUNION ISLANDERS experienced the sounds and sights of colourful Malaysia when Tourism Malaysia participated at the 3rd Tourism, Languages & Leisure Trade Fair in St. Denis, Reunion Island (near Mauritius in the Indian Ocean) from 11-14 Oct 2001. Cultural dances and food demonstrations by Hotel Istana Kuala Lumpur chefs lent an exciting touch.



Malaysia in Galeries Lafayette Paris

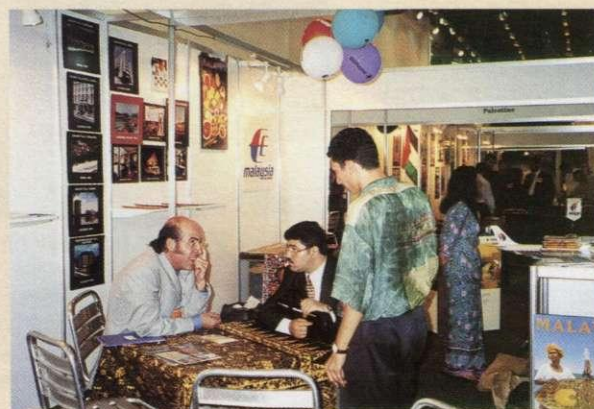


Tourism Malaysia Paris and French tour operator, Asia, showcased the colourful culture and arts of Malaysia in an awareness campaign at Galeries Lafayette, the biggest department store in Paris on 12-13 and 18-19 Sep 2001. Batik painting and the wedding costumes of Malaysia's different ethnic groups provided colourful points of interest. Malaysia is keen to promote the country as a wedding and honeymoon destination.



Big turnout in HK

OVER 100,000 HONG KONGERS visited the Tourism Malaysia consumer promotion at Plaza Hollywood shopping mall from 2 - 4 Nov 2001. Joining in the promotion were Hong Kong travel agencies Sunflower, Hong Thai, Morning Star and Seven Seas; Malaysia Airlines, Genting Highlands Resorts and Bukit Ayer Jungle Park Resort. Another consumer promotion was held at the Westwood Plaza from 25 - 28 Oct 2001.



Mediterranean Travel Fair 2001

MALAYSIA Airlines, FDI Travel Services, DeSinyo, Resorts World and Holiday Villa Malaysia International joined Tourism Malaysia at the Mediterranean Travel Fair held in Cairo, Egypt from 24-26 Sep 2001. Buyers were from Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Cyprus and Palestine.

Land of Colourful Festivals and Carnivals

Malaysia Truly Asia is the tagline seen in and heard on all advertisements promoting the country as a tourist destination, and this friendly tropical nation most certainly lives up to its claim. Its population comprises Malays, Chinese, Indians, the Ibans, Bidayus, Melanau and other ethnic groups in Sarawak; the Kadazans, Muruts and Bajaus in Sabah; and smaller numbers of other Asian groups. Add to this polyglot society the Eurasian community, descended partly from the people of Europe, America, Britain and Australia, and the result is a harmonious celebration of life and culture as seen in the many colourful and exotic festivals and carnivals throughout the year in multi-racial Malaysia.

Colourful festivals and carnivals are very much part and parcel of the Malaysian lifestyle. Distinctly unique, each culture continues to preserve traditions handed down through the generations; yet all ethnic festivals and carnivals are quintessentially Malaysian. In these often dazzling events, the rich cultural diversity and heritage come alive. Its is a presentation of exciting sights, sounds, culinary delights, magnificent ethnic attire, melodious strains from traditional musical instruments, scintillating dances, exotic arts and crafts, and sumptuous feasting to make an unforgettable, thrilling experience.

Perhaps one of the best ways to enjoy sunny and harmonious Malaysia is to join in the festivals and carnivals. Malaysia prides itself in offering a most unique form of hospitality - 'Open House' - where friends and visitors are invited to join in the merry-making by a family celebrating the festival. For example, during Hari Raya Aidilfitri, the joyous festival to celebrate the end of the fasting month of Ramadhan,



Muslim families invite friends from other communities to their houses to enjoy some festive fare.



The Prime Minister's Hari Raya Open House

Significantly, even His Majesty The King of Malaysia and The Honourable Prime Minister host 'Open House' during which foreign visitors and Malaysians of all ethnic groups and from all walks of life drop in to celebrate the festival. Likewise, during the major festivals of Chinese New Year, Deepavali - the Hindu Festival of Light, Christmas, Sabah's Ka'amatan Festival and Sarawak's Gawai Harvest Festival, government leaders of the respective ethnic groups host 'Open House'. The Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism also holds national-level 'Open House' at designated venues to celebrate these festivals.

Ramadhan Bazaar

For Muslims, the holy month of Ramadhan preceding Hari Raya Aidilfitri (Eid), is a time of 'puasa' or fasting from



Open House Gathering





Street food aplenty at Ramadhan Bazaar

sunrise to sunset. It is also a great time to savour a wide variety of tasty Malay food cooked in the different culinary styles of the Malay community. During Ramadhan, all over the country, special areas are designated for the numerous food sellers to offer their specialties, which are often quickly snapped up for *'buka puasa'* or breaking of the fast.

In Kuala Lumpur, Jalan Masjid India and Lorong Tuanku Abdul Rahman are famous as Ramadhan Bazaar streets, where food and a wide assortment of products suitable for *Hari Raya Aidilfitri*, such as clothing, shoes and festive decorations can be bought in the carnival atmosphere. Hotels and some city restaurants offer *'Buka Puasa'* dinner buffets, each a tempting, lavish array of delicious food which are popular with both Muslims and non-Muslims.

Hari Raya Aidilfitri

Twinkling lights and flickering oil lamps in Muslim homes across the land during Ramadhan hint of coming festival joy. Malls and shopping streets are often packed with shoppers seeking new clothes and shoes, delicacies and other festival items. *Hari Raya Aidilfitri* songs played on the radio and in department stores add gaiety. As Ramadhan draws to a close, excitement mounts as the Muslim community prepares to celebrate *Hari Raya Aidilfitri*. Carrying gifts, sons and daughters working in the cities *'balik kampung'* or return to their hometowns or villages to celebrate the joyful festival with parents, grandparents and other members of the family.

On *Hari Raya Day*, following special prayers at mosques throughout the country, the merry-making and feasting begin. With the house looking its best and delicious *Hari Raya* delicacies laid out, Muslims in Malaysia happily welcome family and friends to share the joy of *Hari Raya Aidilfitri*. It is customary to give *'duit raya'* (gift money in a packet) to children. Muslim and non-Muslim Malaysians

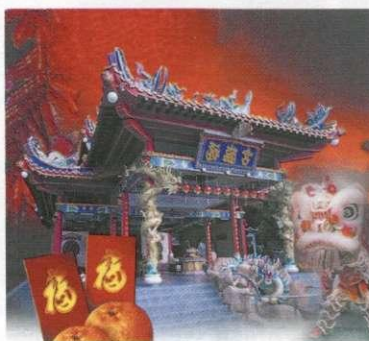
and foreign guests make their way to the King's Palace in Kuala Lumpur and the Prime Minister's Residence in Putrajaya for the *'Open House'* hosted by The King of Malaysia and the Prime Minister respectively. Other government leaders also host *'Open House'* on the first or subsequent days of *Hari Raya Aidilfitri*, which is celebrated for 30 days. The festive greeting is *'Selamat Hari Raya'*.

Hari Raya Aidiladha

Muslims are obliged to try their best to perform a *'haj'* or pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca at least once in their lifetime and *Hari Raya Aidiladha* is a celebration of the pilgrimage. As part of the rituals of *Hari Raya Aidiladha*, cattle and sheep are sacrificed the day before, and the meat distributed to the poor and needy. The day begins with special prayers and sermons in mosques throughout the country, after which the festivity begins. Although celebrated on a lesser scale than *Hari Raya Aidilfitri* and is more of a family event, *Hari Raya Aidiladha* is no less joyous an occasion, and sons and daughters join their parents in the celebration.

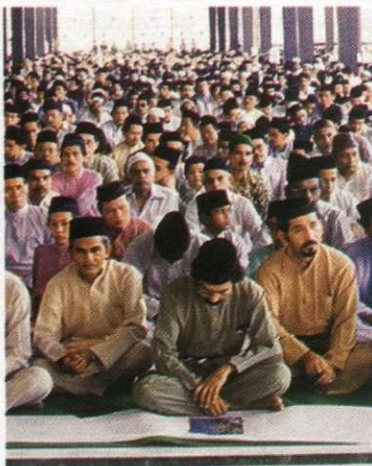
Chinese New Year

Fun and laughter fill the air as Chinese New Year beckons! A very colourful and boisterous festival, Chinese



New Year is a major festival of the entire Chinese community throughout Malaysia, and falls in January or February according to the lunar calendar. The festivity begins about a month before the actual festival day, as houses, offices and shops get a spring-cleaning and sometimes a fresh coat of paint. Red, gold or yellow decorations and auspicious wishes in calligraphy are put up to usher in a prosperous New Year, and festive cookies and specialties are made or bought. During this festive period, the Chinese take care to surround themselves with auspicious sayings and items whose names sound auspicious in order to bring on good fortune in the New Year. Hence, items such as golden-hued tangerines or pineapples or kumquats can be found in every household. The Chinese Zodiac is a 12 year cycle with each year dedicated to an animal, and according to traditional Chinese belief, personal and national fortunes can be partly ascribed to the animal governing that particular year.

The highlight of Chinese New Year celebration is the gathering of the family clan for the sumptuous traditional Reunion Dinner on New Year's Eve. The strength of tradition and family ties prompt children to try and return to their parents' home for this significant event, hence there is a lot of travelling across the country as the Chinese return to the *'ancestral home'*. During the 15 days of Chinese New Year, there is much feasting and merry-making among relatives and friends from different communities.



It is customary for the Chinese to visit relatives and friends during this festive season, bringing gifts of food in particular, which are reciprocated, while children receive red packets of 'lucky money'. The lion and dragon dance performances are an important feature of Chinese New Year celebration, meant to drive away the old year and usher in the new. Many business establishments including hotels, stage a lion dance at their premises as an auspicious start to another year of business. To the rhythm of drums, cymbals and the gong, the performers in their lion costume put on an amazing acrobatic display, leaping, jumping and climbing up to 'eat' a hanging lettuce, with its auspicious Chinese name and colour, and collect its reward, a packet of money. The festive greeting is 'Gong Xi Fa Cai' - Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Lantern Festival

Another colourful traditional Chinese festival, Lantern Festival or Mid-autumn Festival is observed on the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar, and



characterised by 'mooncakes' - delicate round pastries with a sweet filling of lotus seed or red beans, and pretty lanterns. Legend has it that the ancient Chinese carried out a successful rebellion against the Mongol rulers by hiding messages in the 'mooncakes' which were then delivered all over the country. At night, children playing with their colourful lit up paper lanterns in assorted shapes and designs, from the mythical dragon to a futuristic spaceship, cause much excitement and make a pretty sight.

On Lantern Festival Day, Chinese families celebrate with a sumptuous dinner, and enjoy the mooncakes later while admiring the beauty of the full moon. Children's lantern processions, lantern-making demonstrations and competitions or exhibitions of stunning lantern creations are part of the celebration. Communities also organise gatherings with cultural performances where people of all ethnic groups join in the festivity.

Dragon Boat Festival

Boom, boom, boom goes the drum mounted on the bow of the dragon boats. Spray flies off the face of the lake or sea as teams paddle furiously to the drumbeat to shoot across the finishing line. Supporters cheer almost loud enough to drown the drumbeat. This is the scene at the annual International Dragon Boat Festivals in Penang and Kota Kinabalu (Sabah). The festival attracts both foreign and local competitors comprising men's, women's and mixed teams.



The Dragon Boat Festival has its origin in ancient China, where a beloved poet drowned himself in the river to protest against the Emperor's cruel edicts. To prevent the fish from eating the poet, the villagers quickly climbed into their boats and rowed out into the river, beating drums and gongs to scare away the fish, while throwing rice dumplings into the water. Although rice dumplings are sold all year round, to commemorate the festival, some families continue to make different varieties of rice dumplings, with tasty fillings, as festive food.

Thaipusam

A most fascinating, intriguing and important Hindu religious festival, Thaipusam attracts thousands of devotees and spectators. The three-day festival, which falls usually between late January and early February, honours the Hindu deity Lord Murugan. Prominent at this festival are devotees carrying the heavy wooden kavadi (an arched yoke), some of them 2-metres high, in fulfilment of vows made, in thanksgiving for prayers answered or in penance.

In Kuala Lumpur, at about 4am on Thaipusam Eve, a colourful procession begins a 15km journey from the Sri Maha Mariamman Temple in Jalan Tun H.S. Lee to the Batu Caves at the city outskirts. In the procession are the bejewelled image of Lord Murugan in a silver chariot hauled by two bulls, priests, musicians and hundreds of devotees. On arrival at the Batu Caves about eight hours later, the image is lifted up the steep steps into the shrine inside the cave, where it remains until its return to the temple on the third day of the festival.

On Thaipusam Day, drum beats and a carnival atmosphere prevail at the Batu Caves, now packed with devotees and spectators that can number close to a million. Kavadi bearers climb the 272 steep steps to the shrine. There are different types of kavadis, some hold a pot of fresh milk

and others are embellished with flowers, sugarcane, coconut and peacock feathers. Some devotees fulfil their vows by piercing their cheeks and tongue with long skewers, or hook green limes or weights to their skin. Although it may appear gruesome to the spectator, the devotees, swaying to hypnotic drum beats, are in trance and feel no pain.

Deepavali

On the fourteenth day of the Tamil month of Aipasi (between October and November) the



Hindus celebrate Deepavali or the Festival of Lights, to commemorate the victory of good over evil. The celebration symbolises the victory of Lord Krishna over the demon King Narakasura, and marks the return of Rama after 14 years of exile. The word Deepavali comes from *Dipa*, meaning "light" and *Gavali*, meaning "a row". Hence, Hindu homes feature "rows of light" from oil lamps or decorative lights as a symbol of purity to disperse the darkness, and that good should overcome evil.



At dawn on Deepavali Day, Hindus take a ritual oil bath, a symbolic purification to mark a new beginning, followed by a visit to the temple to offer prayers or perform penance. Devotees sometimes break coconuts as a reminder to constantly fight against their egos and pride (represented by the hard shell of the coconut) so as to

achieve rebirth in humbleness and purity (represented by the white flesh of the fruit).

The entrance to a Hindu home is decorated with a '*kolam*', an intricate floral design on the ground to invoke the blessings of Lakshmi, the Goddess of Wealth. Traditional Indian dances are also performed during Deepavali and numerous types of festive food and sweets are specially made for the occasion. As is the tradition with other festivals in Malaysia, Hindus hold 'Open House' for friends and relatives to join in the festivities.

Ponggal

In Malaysia, Ponggal is a Hindu harvest festival around the second week of January. The day starts with the family, dressed in best clothes, gathered around a clay pot of fresh milk slowly boiling over, symbolising an abundance of God's peace and blessings. Rice is then cooked in the milk. Some families assemble around a display of fruits and flowers at dawn so that the first sight in the morning is that of natural beauty. The family then enjoys a vegetarian breakfast. Friends are often invited to celebrate Ponggal.

Gawai

An important event in Sarawak, the Gawai festival (1 & 2 June) is an occasion for the traditionally rural people of the 'Land of the Hornbill' to celebrate and be merry. Festivities in Sarawak come in May and June after the harvest, with the crops gathered and the rice threshed and milled. Neighbouring Iban longhouse communities invite one another and the townsfolk to join in their Gawai celebrations. From dawn to dusk, prayers are offered to ancient deities in thanksgiving and for assistance in the coming farming season. Ritual experts move up and down the whole length of the longhouse, chanting an invitation to the

gods to attend the Gawai. Meanwhile, members of the household, wearing rich traditional attire, celebrate with their guests, enjoying *tuak*, a potent Iban rice wine and festive food, and making merry with music on traditional musical instruments and doing the traditional *ngajat* dance.

In the Bidayuh Gawai celebration, two sets of "*Sanggar*" or decorated bamboo and wood structures, one dedicated to the Creator and the other for stopping all evil and harm, form the focal point. The Bidayuh Gawai is divided into three main parts – the starting night, the Gawai Eve night and Gawai night. The whole preparation of the "*Sanggar*" is normally completed on the second day of the Gawai before noon. On the third day, men and women perform a special dance to the tune of various gong music, and "*inyok*" rice wine and Gawai delicacies are served. At about 8pm, the merry making reaches its climax, and unmarried young men and women venture out to look for their life partners.



Ka'amatan

On 1 May, Sabahans begin celebrating *Pesta Ka'amatan* or Harvest Festival, culminating in the state-level celebration on 30 - 31 May. Essentially a tribal practice of the Kadazan Dusun and Murut groups, the festival is to honour and give thanks to the Rice Spirit, *Bambaazon*, an omnipotent source of life and existence, for yet another bountiful year. The belief is that without rice, there is no life, hence *Bambaazon* is revered in the rice plant, the rice grain and the cooked rice.

An essential part of the Harvest Festival ceremonies is the home-coming of *Bambaazon*, which includes the *Magavau* ceremony, a ritual performed by the *Bobohizans*, the high priests or high priestesses, ending with food offerings to the *Bambaazon* and festivity for all. There is a pageant to select the Harvest Queen that owes its origin to *Huminodun*, the only child and daughter of *Kinoingan* or *Minamangun*, the Almighty Creator, who sacrificed her so that his people would have food. The maiden who has the honour of being selected is said to bear a semblance to



Pesta Ka'amatan or Harvest Festival



Harvest Queen Pageant

Huminodun.

During this festival, traditional costumes are worn and the carnival stretches from daybreak till late at night. Gong competitions, cultural performances and traditional sports like arm wrestling, finger wrestling, buffalo races and tug-of-war are organised. 'Tapai' or home-made rice wine and traditional festival delicacies are generously served.

Christmas & New Year

Christmas in tropical Malaysia has to be the most fascinating in the world, as Santa prepares to parasail down on to the palm-fringed beach, or jet-ski in across the blue waters to distribute gifts to the children! It's a month-long season of joy in December, as streets in the main cities are beautifully lit up with decorative lights, and hotels, malls and department stores turn into a magical fairyland with their beautiful Christmas trees and festive decorations. Hotel restaurants serve Christmas and New Year's specialties and stage festive parties. Popular holiday resorts tend to be full around this time. It's also a great time to shop for gifts as it's Mega Sale Carnival in Malaysia.



Christian homes are decked with festive Christmas trimmings. Carolling and church services are held, and there is much partying and merry-making. In the spirit of goodwill to all, Malaysian Christians invite friends to their homes to celebrate Christmas. A Christmas lunch or

dinner in Malaysia would normally feature local favourites, such as roast chicken, lamb, curry, salads, noodles and cakes. Since Christmas is a time of giving and sharing, various organisations hold Christmas parties to bring festive cheer to the needy or disadvantaged. Penang stages both Christmas and New Year carnivals annually, which are a hit with both locals and foreigners. And soon, with more partying, the countdown to the New Year will begin.

Festa de San Pedro and Festa de San Juang

The most popular and unique celebration of the Portuguese-Eurasian community of Malacca, Festa de San Pedro (or Feast of Saint Peter, the patron saint of fishermen), originated during the Portuguese era in Malacca and has survived some 400 years. This festival features both religious and social aspects. Highlights are often a Boat Decoration Competition and a float procession from Porta Santiago to the gaily-decorated Portuguese Settlement, the focal point, where there are entertainment and cultural performances in the evenings, as well as games and sports during the day. The festival attracts thousands, and is also an excellent opportunity to sample traditional Malacca Portuguese culinary delights.

Preceding Festa de San Pedro is Festa de San Juang (or Feast of Saint John the Baptist). It is the tradition of the Portuguese-Eurasian community to wear green clothing during this feast, while



Festa de San Pedro and Festa de San Juang

fishermen don green pyjamas. Visitors to the Portuguese Settlement will notice the houses there lighted up with candles at about 7pm during this festival.

Malaysia Mega Sale

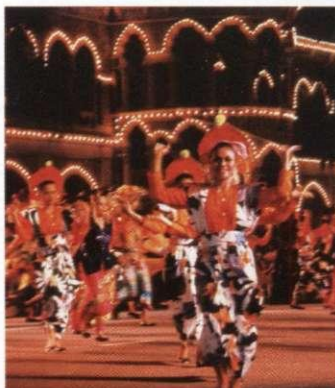
A scintillating carnival featuring special performances, such as a fashion show by the country's best designers, or a concert by popular recording artistes, kicks off each Malaysia Mega Sale in Kuala Lumpur or other specified towns. Any time is a good time to shop in Malaysia, where a very extensive array of products from all over the world can be found. This astounding range offered at bargain prices at the Malaysia Mega Sale, held three times a year in March, August and December, would surely tempt even the most jaded shopper.



Modern air-conditioned malls can be found in all the cities and large towns in Malaysia. Numerous international branded products can be obtained at boutiques in high-end malls in Kuala Lumpur and Penang and the duty-free outlets at Langkawi's Oriental Village and the KL International Airport. Shoppers interested in craftwork can find an amazing selection of well-made and attractive items from Malaysia and other Asian countries.

Colours Of Malaysia

From shopping to dancing to the irresistible beat of Malaysia's sensational month-long cultural carnival – Colours of Malaysia. An unforgettable feast for the senses, it's a dazzling presentation of cultural diversity through exotic dance, music, food, arts and the crafts of the various ethnic groups of Malaysia. Visitors get to see the fascinating



and colourful cultures of the Malays, Chinese, Indians, Iban, Bidayuh, Kadazan, Murut and the other ethnic groups of Sabah and Sarawak through a host of exciting activities at national and state levels.

A celebration to mark the official birthday of the King of Malaysia, Colours of Malaysia kicks off with a most spectacular parade by a cast of thousands at Dataran Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur. Every state of Malaysia is represented, and there are various ethnic dances and musical performances. Hotels join in the carnival with cultural theme decorations and special culinary

marching bands and floats. Besides the parade, there is often a series of performances, including rhythmic gymnastics, the Merdeka theme logo formation by thousands of schoolchildren, and cultural presentations. Every state also holds respective celebrations, such as parades, stage shows, competitions and exhibitions. Past activities have included an exhibition on independence, a special performance by the National Symphony Orchestra, Games of Malaysia Festival, Flag Runs, Treasure Hunt and the Merdeka Endurance, a midnight 12-hour gruelling car endurance at the world-renowned Sepang FI Circuit.

Food and Fruits Festival

Luscious fresh fruit grow abundantly in the rich soil of Malaysia, and is enjoyed by almost everyone. Colourful local fruit such as papaya, bananas, pineapple, mangosteen, rambutan, starfruit and watermelon are well known to foreign guests. Even the famous 'durian', highly prized by Malaysians as the king of local fruit, is slowly gaining ground with some foreigners who find the aroma of the fruit interesting.

Together with the extensive choice of cuisine available, Malaysia provides visitors an amazing gourmet experience. The Malay cuisine varies from state to state, while the Chinese community has different styles of regional

presentations that reflect the rich culture of Malaysia.

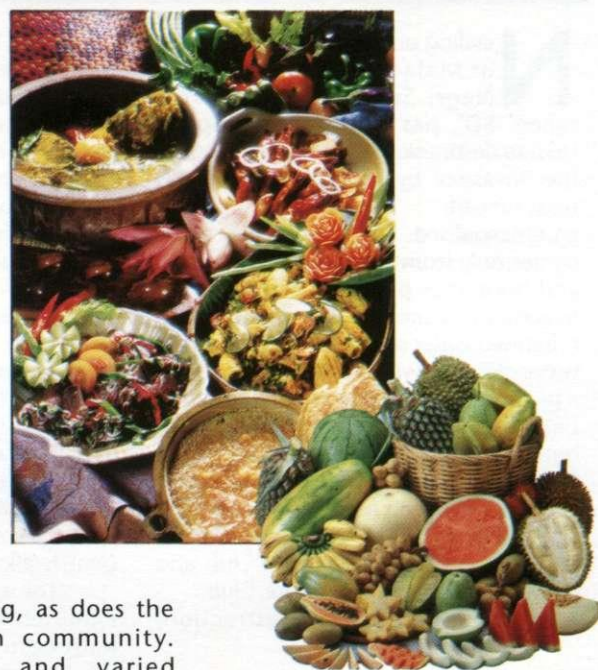
National Water Festival

Every state in Malaysia enjoys a coastline, the beach and rivers that are traditionally favourite spots for recreational activities. During National Water Festival Month, numerous exciting and entertaining water activities are staged in different states, such as dragon boat races, regattas, watersports, fishing competitions, water telematch, squid catching, wildwater kayaking and river exploration. Beach festivals and 'water splashing festivals' are other highlights, and colourful cultural displays and fireworks add to the merry-making. With all that laughter, it's obvious nobody minds getting wet when they are having fun!

Merdeka Celebrations

The whole nation celebrates every year as Malaysia commemorates her independence from colonial rule on 31 August. Hotels, malls, public institutions and residences proudly fly the Malaysian flag. From the official launching of Merdeka Celebrations in mid-August to the official closing in mid-September, a series of Merdeka activities are held at national and state levels, including the joyous countdown and raising of the Malaysian flag at midnight in all cities and towns on Merdeka Eve.

The highlight is a spectacular Merdeka Day Parade at Kuala Lumpur's Dataran Merdeka (Merdeka Square) attended by His Majesty The King of Malaysia, government leaders and a huge crowd. Participating in the parade are the armed forces, students, private sector contingents,



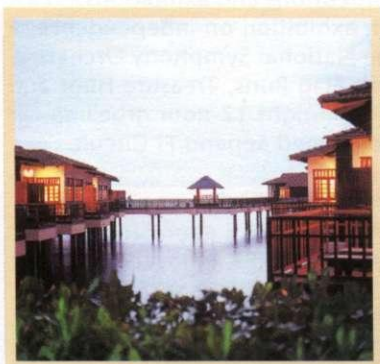
cooking, as does the Indian community. Tasty and varied Malaysian 'hawker food', such as fried noodles, rice, cakes and desserts, is highly rated by both locals and foreigners. Complementing these offerings are other Asian and European cuisines. A great time to sample the different food and fruit of Malaysia is at the Food and Fruits Festival

So do drop in, come and celebrate our wondrous festivals and carnivals, and join in the gaiety. Revel in the beauty and hospitality of Malaysia, the melting pot of Asia, and her people. So much of exotic Asia can be found in just one destination – Malaysia. ■



Glamour in Port Dickson

Luxurious 'Water Chalets in a Malay Fishing Village' enchant visitors



Avillion Village Resort

Nestling on the edge of the Straits of Malacca, Port Dickson in Negri Sembilan, commonly called 'PD', has long been a popular seaside destination. Fortunately, despite the 'invasion' by beach-lovers, the PD beachfront has not been commercialised. So, much of the noise comes only from the shrieks of laughter and boisterous playing. With 18km of beachfront, visitors to PD can indulge in organised water sports such as canoeing, water-skiing or windsurfing, or just enjoy a picnic and laze on the tree-lined sandy beaches. Since the early 1990s, deluxe hotels and facilities have opened up in PD, including the Corus Paradise Lagoon Hotel, Bayu Beach Resort, Guoman Port Dickson Resort, Regency Hotel & Resort, Port Dickson Golf & Country Club and the Admiral Marine & Leisure Club.

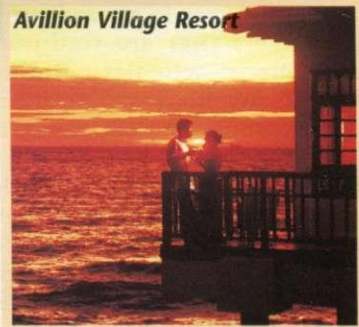
More recently, PD's attraction,

especially for the international market, has been enhanced with the opening of the attractive, deluxe 300-room Avillion Village Resort, a distinctive beachfront property modelled after a traditional Malay Fishing Village. Featuring rich, rustic wooden architecture highlighted with a hint of Malay, Javanese and Chinese cultures, the Avillion has become a hot favourite with visitors from Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan, drawn to the unique experience of staying in a 'water chalet' on stilts. Come evening, the tide starts to rise at PD beach. Open the window in the morning, and the Water Chalets, strung along seven piers, are 'floating' on the Straits of Malacca, linked to other chalets and the main building by weathered boardwalks.

The exotic 'Malay Fishing Village' experience continues in the ensuite bathroom fitted with a long bath, a shower and a skylight for the feel of bathing in sunlight or under the stars. Roll up the bamboo blinds, and step out on to your balcony to lounge or sun yourself on the deck chairs. To complete the serene ambiance of a Malay Fishing Village, the inviting pavilion offers the idyllic spot to drink in the magnificent view of the Straits, nap, play chess, read, chat or listen to music. As night falls, it is a rare luxury to sit there star-gazing, lulled by the sea breeze and the lapping of the same water that over the centuries have brought visitors, merchants or conquerors from faraway lands. A 'Malay Fishing Village' experience can't get more luxuriously authentic than this!

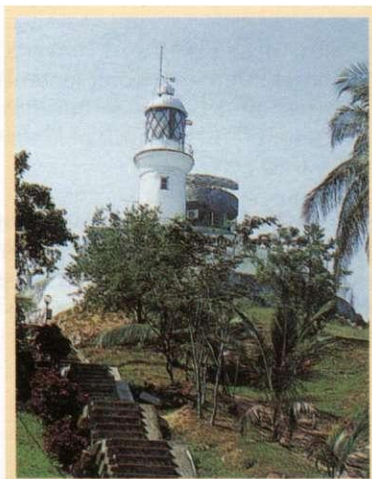
For guests seeking a more active holiday, Avillion as well as the other PD

hotels and resorts provide a number of recreational facilities. There are also several local attractions about 10-45min drive away. Cape Rachado, also known as Tanjung Tuan, is a well-known migratory bird sanctuary that has an ancient 16th century lighthouse built by the Portuguese to guide ships to Malacca. The 150-year old Kota Lukut was the fort of Raja Jumaat, a 19th century Bugis warrior. Visitors to the Jelita Ostrich Show Farm, set in beautiful countryside near Seremban, can see the hatching process and ride an ostrich with a certificate to prove it! At the Pemas Hot Spring & Waterpark, the warm spring water flows through to all rides, the spa pool and submerged reflexology walk. For the sports inclined, the Eco Good Life Resort Club near Avillion offers archery, horse-riding and go-karting. ■



Getting There :

PD is about 1hr 30min from Kuala Lumpur, 1hr from KL International Airport and 3hr 30min from Singapore on the North-South Expressway, and then via the Seremban- PD expressway.



Lighthouse at Cape Rachado

Meet the Elephants and the Seladang

Wildlife sanctuaries in Pahang welcome visitors



The majestic elephant is both fascinating and fearsome, maybe because of its massive size. Perhaps the nearest that most people can get to the elephant is at the circus or at an elephant show, where some lucky ones may have managed to get an elephant ride. Amusing or exotic these experiences may be, they are no match for a hands-on visit to the Malaysian Elephant Sanctuary at Kuala Gandah, Lanchang in central Pahang.

Set within the Krau Wildlife Reserve in the rainforest, and managed by the Malaysian Department of Wildlife and National Parks, the Kuala Gandah Malaysian Elephant Sanctuary is the first of its kind in the region to offer an educational introduction to the elephant. There are no elephant shows here as this is not an entertainment arena. Rather, visitors get to learn about the elephant, and the role of some of them, in its natural habitat - the jungle.

Visitors first watch a video on the relocation of elephants from areas earmarked for development and into National Park wildlife sanctuaries. The difficult process involves not only a team

of wildlife wardens but also a trained elephant that assists in calming those elephants being relocated, 'mothering them' as it were.

Then it is off to the jungle clearing, where from between the giant tropical rainforest trees, out troop three junior elephants with their trainers to meet us. Aged between six and 12 years, they are being trained to help in the elephant relocation process, and will eventually take over from the seniors when they retire. But for now, though they stand taller than many of us at between six to nine feet, they are still kids, and they love the attention visitors shower on them. We're encouraged to touch and pat them, and despite its thick skin, the elephant's body feels soft and warm.

When it's bath-time for the elephants, we follow them to the river. Visitors are invited to help bathe them, but it seems more play-time than bath-time! Scrambling up the elephant's wide back in the water is no easy task, especially when it decides to roll sideways, much to the amusement of all, including the elephant! The trainers are on hand to assist visitors who wish to ride the elephant in the river. Naturally, for being such good kids, the elephants get a reward, and they happily gobble up the bananas and sugarcane the visitors bring.

Sharing the Krau Wildlife Reserve is a herd of *seladang gaur* (*bos gaurus hubbaki*), kept for a breeding programme at the Jenderak Seladang and Deer Sanctuary. The *seladang*, an endangered species in Malaysia, is considered the largest of the true cattle and even bigger than the



Getting There :

Kuala Gandah Malaysian Elephant Sanctuary: Turn off at Lanchang village on the Kuala Lumpur-Mentakab road.
Jenderak Seladang and Deer Sanctuary: Turn off at Kuala Krau on the Mentakab-Jerantut road
OPEN DAILY: 7am - 6pm

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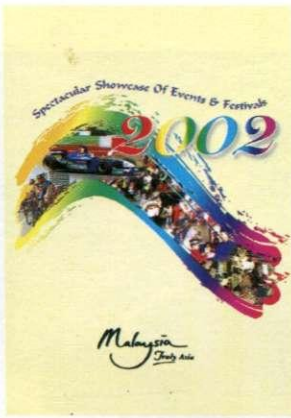
American bison. Few people know much about the sensitive and nocturnal *seladang* as its natural habitat is in virgin jungle in Taman Negara (National Park), and at the slightest disturbance, it will run and hide.

Access to Jenderak, as it is for the elephant sanctuary, is via a narrow tarred road through the rainforest - a perfect introduction to a wildlife experience. In each large pen graze a male, several females, and a few young *seladang*, each with name. Our guide calls out their names, and they amble up close to the fence to look at us, yet keeping a safe distance. We're told the lead female *seladang* is in charge of each pen, and females tend to be fiercer than the males! Visiting the wildlife sanctuaries is surely informative and fun. ■



Seladang

Events & Festivals 2002



FUN AND FESTIVITY abound all year round in Malaysia, and there is at least one major crowd-pulling event every month. *Spectacular Showcase of Events & Festivals 2002* lists 16 main events and 14 major festivals in Malaysia not to be missed, together with a short description of each. This brochure will be handy for travel consultants helping their clients plan a holiday in Malaysia.

Among the nationwide festive events are the very popular Malaysia Mega Sale Carnival in March, August and December (2-31 Mar, 3 Aug – 1 Sep and 7 Dec – 5 Jan), the Food & Fruits Fiesta (6 July – 4 Aug) and the Colours of Malaysia (25 May – 23 Jun). The major sports events include the PETRONAS Malaysia F1 Grand Prix (15-17 Mar), Penang International Dragon Boat Festival (15-16 Jun), Labuan International Sea Challenge (25-26 Jun), Sarawak Regatta (1-2 Sep) and Mt. Kinabalu International

Climbathon (5-6 Oct). Malaysians celebrate many joyous ethnic cultural festivals, such as Sabah's Kaamatan (30 & 31 May), Sarawak's Gawai (1 Jun), Lantern & Mooncake Festival (21 Sep), Deepavali, the Hindu Festival of Lights (3 Nov), Bazaar Ramadhan (18 Nov - 15 Dec), the Muslim Hari Raya Aidilfitri (6 & 7 Dec) and Christmas. More information can be found in the brochure obtainable from your nearest Tourism Malaysia office.

Tourism Statistics 2000

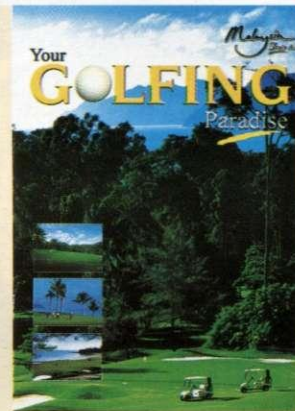
Malaysia recorded 10,221,582 tourist arrivals in 2000, an increase of 28.9% compared to 1999, and tourist receipts rose to RM17.34 billion. This remarkable turnaround from the declining travel trend from 1996 to early 1999 is attributed largely to the pragmatic approach adopted and a three-pronged strategic action plan.

More statistical information can be found in the 'Malaysia Tourism Performance Highlights 2000' report published by the Research Division of Tourism Malaysia. Contents include Tourist Arrivals and Receipts, Excursionist Arrivals and Receipts, Supply of Hotels and Rooms, and Occupancy Rates from 1998 – 2000. Priced at RM10 per copy, this informative report is an invaluable tool for tourism industry professionals.

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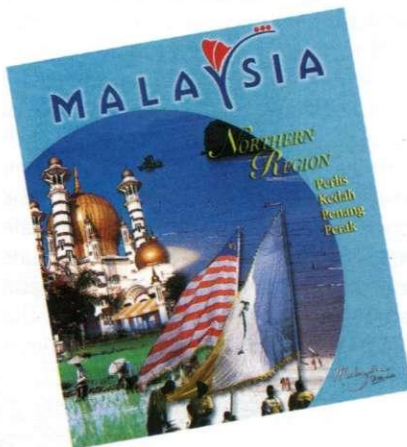
More than 100 golf courses



WITH 116 GOLF COURSES IN MALAYSIA to choose from, golf enthusiasts will have a field day picking a selection to play in. There are courses facing the South China Sea, and up in the mountains and in the rainforest, and night golfing is also available. Several courses have been designed by top names such as Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Ronald Fream, Robert Trent Jones Jr. and Max Wexler.

Many of these courses are provided with excellent facilities and amenities, and some offer accommodation. The Pulau Springs Country Club in Johor State and Hornbill Golf & Country Club in the Borneo Highlands in Sarawak State, for example, are luxurious developments with deluxe accommodation, jacuzzi, sauna, spa amenities and restaurants. For the non-golfing spouse or family, there is a wide variety of tourist attractions and other leisure activities near some of these golf courses. The new 'Your Golfing Paradise' brochure is available from your nearest Tourism Malaysia office.

Splendours of the North



PENINSULAR MALAYSIA'S NORTHERN REGION, comprising the four states of Perlis, Kedah, Penang and Perak, is rich in history and folklore, and abounding with tourist attractions. Sharing a common border with Thailand, the rice-growing states of Perlis and Kedah beckon with the serene and rustic scenery of padi (rice) fields that stretch to the horizon. The Perlis State Park boasts plants and animals found only there, while at the archaeological site of Bujang Valley in Kedah are the ruins of a 4th century AD Hindu-Buddhist Kingdom. As a living cultural museum, Penang amazes visitors with its well-preserved historical streets and buildings. To the north of Penang lies the world-famous island of Langkawi with its pristine beaches and myriad attractions. Perak State entices with the historical town of Taiping, home to more than 31 firsts in the country; eco-attractions such as the untouched Belum Forest, peaceful lakes and pretty beaches on Pangkor Island.

Find out more about the tourist attractions in these states in Tourism Malaysia's 'Northern Region' brochure, available from your nearest Tourism Malaysia office.

Sheraton Penang's choice rooms



PENANG ISLAND's centrally located 237-room Sheraton Penang offers a choice of well-appointed rooms to meet the needs of the business traveller. The Long Stay Room, combining two interconnected rooms, features a cosy lounge with bookshelf, dining table, mini-bar, microwave, TV with satellite transmission, a work station and enhanced room amenities including bathrobes. The Executive Suite, with a similar layout, comes with a stereo CD player and VCR for

additional entertainment, thick bathrobes and slippers, and complimentary buffet breakfast for two persons.

In the Corporate Club Room, a sliding door separates the bedroom from the workstation, fitted out like an office suite and equipped with an ergonomically-designed swivel chair, direct fax / data line, voice mail, a fax machine, large writing desk, a credenza with power outlets, direct inward dialing, speaker phone and reading lamp.

Geared to the needs of business guests travelling with their families is the 'family format' Apartment Suite. Features include a balcony with sea view, complete kitchen, living room, spacious walk-in wardrobe, two dressing tables, and a kingsize bed. The Premier Suite is a combination of two bedrooms and a living room. Guests staying in the ultimate Presidential Suite can enjoy the beautiful panoramic view of Georgetown through the glass panel walls while enjoying the jacuzzi.

In-room amenities for all rooms include voice mail, direct fax line, high speed Internet access, electronic safe, iron and ironing board and complimentary tea/coffee-making facilities. In the Japanese rooms are Japanese-language literature, bathrobe, slippers and Japanese tea. There are also two rooms equipped for disabled guests.

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Website: www.sheraton.com/penang

Sarawak's new nature retreat



Telok Melano

TELOK MELANO coastal village, fronting the South China Sea and lying beside Sarawak's Tanjung Datu National Park, is a perfect nature retreat that offers many eco-tourism activities such as snorkelling, eco-scuba diving, fishing, rainforest hiking, jungle trekking and wildlife sighting. Visitors enjoy Sarawak's most beautiful strip of coastline, secluded beaches, crystal clear, warm blue waters and a coral shore. At Tanjung Datu National Park, the wildlife includes bearded pigs, Borneo Gibbons, Barking Deer, monkeys, pheasants and hornbills.

Telok Melano, located at land's end at the westernmost tip of Sarawak, is about 100 kilometers from Kuching city. To get there from the tiny fishing port of Semantan (about 2 hours by road from Kuching), visitors take an hour's boat ride across the South China Sea.

For accommodation, the villagers at Telok Melano participating in the Malaysia Homestay Programme provide clean rooms, complete

with bedding and proper sanitation facility. The programme is coordinated by the Ministry of Rural Development and Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia, and managed and operated by Borneo Inbound Tours & Travel.

Telok Melano 3 days / 2 nights Package

RM480 per person (Min. 2 pax)

INCLUSIVE OF: Return transfer Kuching/ Semantan/ National Park, boat charges, local meals, accommodation, qualified guide, fees & permits (where applicable)

Day 01-Transfer by road to Semantan (2 hrs). Enroute stop at Gunung Gading Rafflesia Park. Lunch at Semantan. Board a ferry cruising along South China Sea (40-60 min) to Telok Melano. Welcomed by villagers. Refreshment. Orientation. Get to know host family. Guided nature walk/leisurely strolls along the beach. Dinner & cultural Gendang Melayu performance.

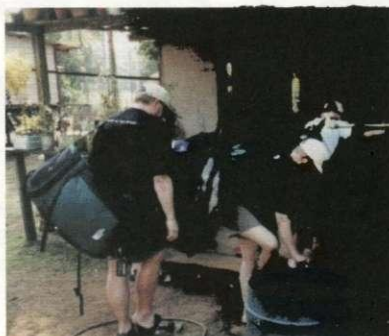
Day 02 - Early breakfast. Depart by boat for a full day trip to National Park. Explore the park. Snorkelling & swimming around Labuan Gadung in the afternoon. Return to Telok Melano for dinner & overnight.

Day 03 - Breakfast. Leisure until your return to Kuching. Lunch enroute.

Extended stay can be arranged. Snorkelling, Spot Fishing and Eco-Scuba packages are also available.

ENQUIRIES:

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Homestay Check-in

International Musicians in Petronas Philharmonic Hall



THE 01/02 PETRONAS PHILHARMONIC Hall Concert Season which ends in July 2002, continues to offer top quality musical performances by world-class artists and orchestras. Besides featuring regular classical performances, the 01/02 Season introduces a brand new World Music Series. Performing in March 2002

will be the Pittsburgh and the NHK Symphony Orchestras.

Among the international Guest Artists (from 1 Mar – 16 July 2002) are Truls Mork (cello); Momo Kodama (piano); Eitetsu Hayashi (wadaiko-traditional Japanese drums); Isabelle van Keulen (violin); Count Basie Orchestra (a

full time touring jazz orchestra); BBC Symphony Orchestra, Sir Andrew Davis (conductor); Felicity Lott (soprano); The Chieftains (traditional Irish music) and Vince Jones (Australia's leading jazz vocalist).

Also performing is the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO), which consists of 105 musicians led by Music Director Kees Bakels, Resident Conductor Dato' Ooi Chean See and Associate Conductor Kevin Field. Culturally diverse and from countries all over the world, the young, vibrant and versatile musicians infuse the pieces they perform with exuberance. The PETRONAS Philharmonic Hall is located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur city between the world's tallest buildings, the PETRONAS Twin Towers.

INFORMATION : Box Office, Ground Floor, Tower 2, PETRONAS Twin Towers

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Dinner Show at *Saloma*

Visitors to Kuala Lumpur can enjoy a colourful Malaysian cultural dinner show, featuring the dances of the different ethnic groups in the country, in air-conditioned comfort at the newly-opened Saloma Theatre Restaurant. Conveniently located within the Malaysia Tourism Centre (formerly known as Malaysia Tourist Information Complex-MATIC) on Jalan Ampang, the Saloma Theatre Restaurant

accommodates 400 persons in round table seating. Guests are welcomed at the entrance by the performers wearing a variety of colourful ethnic costumes before the 45-minute show starts at 8:30pm. A Malaysian buffet dinner is



Alfresco dining at the Courtyard

served from 6:30pm – 10:30pm, and guests can enjoy the buffet in the theatre restaurant or alfresco in the Courtyard, with a view of the Petronas Twin Towers, currently the world's tallest structures. Buffet lunch is also available.

The Saloma Bistro serves a la carte fine dining, with *Tiffin* set lunch and *Rijstafel* set dinner as the specialties. To enhance the cultural experience, the Saloma Souvenir & Gift Shops offer a variety of top end items such as hand-painted batik, hand woven 'pua' from Sarawak, woodcarving, silverware, pottery and leather handbags and shoes. The Saloma Theatre Restaurant is within walking distance of the Concorde, Equatorial, Shangri-la, Renaissance, Park Plaza, Mandarin Oriental and Corus Hotels.

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Paya Indah Wetlands



FEATURING A STUNNING ARRAY of ecosystems spread over 3,100 hectares of rehabilitated tin mining land, the newly-opened Paya Indah Wetlands is located at Dengkil, about 15 km from the KL International Airport. Attractions include 14 lakes, over 200 species of birds and plants, as well as wildlife like estuarine crocodiles, Botswana hippos, Indian swamp deer and Chinese cranes. The Typha Lake is home to different types of fish visible from the boardwalk, while the Palm Garden is one of the world's best with over 75 species. A bird watcher's paradise, Paya Indah also offers outdoor activities such as kayaking, angling, mountain biking and hiking. Entrance fee is RM5 on

weekdays and RM7 on weekends. The park is accessible from the Damansara-Puchong, the Elite and the Seremban Highways.

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Purple
Swamphen

KL's new leisure landmark

THE REVAMPED BB PARK, part of the ground floor extension of Plaza Low Yat shopping centre and Federal Hotel in Kuala Lumpur's Bukit Bintang area, has become a leisure landmark offering food and beverage outlets and entertainment. The new design

features a high semi-opened umbrella roof across the entire BB Park with covered walkways to the Federal Hotel and Plaza Low Yat.

The restaurants there offer Asian, fusion and western cuisines. Outlets include Karim Tandoori House, Chee Ming Chicken Rice, Blue Bubbles Café, Ah Yip Herbal Soup, Outback Steakhouse, Bangkok Jam Thai Restaurant, Perks Café, Beetles Cigar & Wine and Haagen Daz. Nightly entertainment ranges from classical cultural events to up-beat contemporary live bands. There are also kiosks selling knickknacks and beautifully crafted handmade items.



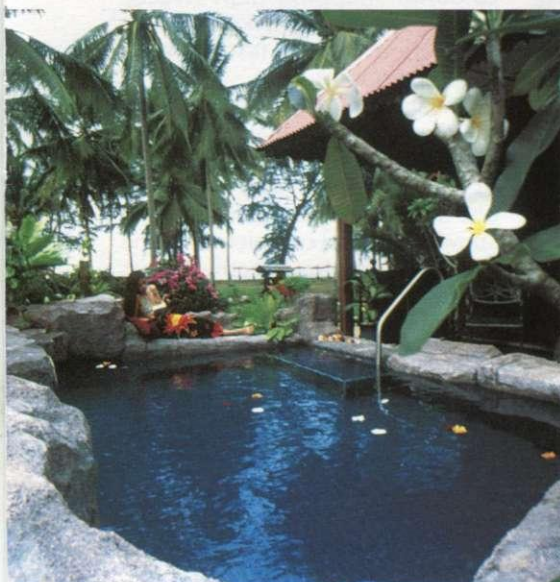
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Plaza Low Yat (Promotions Dept.)

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Eastern Delights



EASTERN PAVILION, formerly the Kampung Wing at Holiday Villa Cherating on the East Coast (Pahang), has been upgraded into 12 distinctive boutique villas that combine rustic and traditional Malay-style architecture with modern amenities. Each 2- or 3-bedroom villa features a living room and a verandah that extends out to a 16 ft private pool cum jacuzzi. Personalised services include checking-in at the villa, welcome drink, welcome fruit platter, in-room coffee/tea making facility, turn down service and daily local newspaper. Butler service is provided from 8am to 9pm daily.

Holiday Villa Cherating has local and western dining outlets, Karaoke, and banqueting, convention, meeting and seminar facilities. Recreational facilities include two large swimming

pools, open-air jacuzzi, children's pool, fitness centre, 3 tennis courts and 2 indoor badminton courts.

Eastern Pavilion published room rates nett 2002 : 2-Room Villa Seaview (2 pax) - RM 880 / 2-Room Villa Deluxe Seaview (2 pax) - RM 980 / 3-Room Villa (4 pax) - RM1,080 / Royal Pavilion Villa - RM1,400 / Extra person - RM 50 / Two children below 12 stay free in parents' room. Commissionable to bona fide travel agents.

SALES : Kuala Lumpur Sales Office

Tel: (60-3)-2162-2922

Fax: (60-3)-2162-2937

E-mail: salesresv@holidayvilla.com.my

Holiday Villa Cherating

Tel: (60-9)-581-9500

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MICE highlights

14 - 17 Mar 02 **Malaysian International Pet Expo** at the Malaysia International Exhibition and Convention Centre (MIECC) at The Mines Resort City (Selangor State)
Information : MIECC
Tel: (60-3)-8949-5566 Fax: (60-3)-8949-5567
E-mail: events@mines.com.my

28 Mar - 1 Apr 02 **Soroptimist International of South West Pacific Biennial Conference 2002** at Shangri-la Hotel Kuala Lumpur
Information : Tel: (60-3)-4107-2829
Fax: (60-3)-4253-4481 E-mail: jvf@tm.net.my

2 - 5 April 02 **WONCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2002 (World Organisation of Family Doctors)**
Information : Academy of Family Physicians of Malaysia Tel: (60-3)-4041-7735
Fax: (60-3)-4042-5206

24 Apr - 2 May 02 **17th World Orchid Conference 2002** at the Malaysia International Exhibition & Convention Centre (MIECC) at The Mines Resort City (Selangor)
Information: Shah Alam Municipal Council (Landscape Dept.) Tel: (60-3)-5510-5133
Fax: (60-3)-5510-8010
E-mail: woc17@orchid2002.com.my

The Orchid Show features floral displays from 39 countries including Malaysia and a floral arrangement competition in local, western and eastern styles. It is open to the public on April 26 (noon - 9pm), April 27- May 1 (9am-9pm), and May 2 (Closing day 9am- 6pm). Admission tickets are priced at RM15 (adult) and RM5 (child) and are obtainable at the door.

9 - 12 May 02 **Food Ingredients 2002 (International Exhibition on ingredients and additives for the food industry) and Food Mart 2002** at the Sunway Convention Centre, Sunway Lagoon City (Selangor)
Information: Pacific Exhibition Services
Tel: (60-3)-9223-1686
Fax: (60-3)-9221-9630
E-mail: pesint@tm.net.my or pes@asia.com
Website: www.pessite.com

21 - 24 May 02 **6th Malaysia International Exhibition on Instrument, Control & Automation and International Exhibition on MIDAS (Medical, Imaging, Diagnostic, Analytical Surgical Technology)** at the Malaysia International Exhibition & Convention Centre (MIECC) at The Mines Resort City, (Selangor)
Information: Facon
Tel: (60-3)-7981-8766
Fax: (60-3)- 7981-8711

Malaysia Mega Sale

3 Mar - 1 Apr 2002

It's time again for a shopping spree-cum-holiday at you favourite destination - Malaysia. Shopping malls and department stores in all cities and major towns will be offering countless items at bargain prices. There is an extremely wide range of products to tempt everyone from the casual to the professional shopper. Made-in-Malaysia shoes, handbags and apparel are good value-for-money buys, as many of these manufacturers also produce for the export market. Branded fashion from all the



convenient for the shopper Besides retail outlets, malls in Malaysia feature a wide array of eateries and cafes ideal for family dining. The colourful shopping high streets, bazaars and night markets provide a different but no less exciting shopping opportunity.

In Kuala Lumpur, malls like Suria KLCC next to the Petronas Twin Towers, the world's tallest structures; the Mid Valley Megamall, one of Asia's largest malls; and the Sunway Pyramid complete with the Sphinx, have also become tourist attractions. With entertainment facilities such as cineplexes, skating rink and bowling alley in some of the malls, it is easy for the family to spend a whole day at the mall!



international fashion capitals of the world are also available alongside Malaysian fashion.

Those seeking interior décor items will have much to choose from, including crystal and the ethnic craftwork of Asia. Sports shops can be found in every major mall, offering golf equipment to racquets and exercise machines. Several of the larger malls are near a number of hotels, making it

INFORMATION : Tourism Malaysia HQ
Tel : (60-3)-2693-5188
Fax : (603)-2693-5884
Website: www.MalaysiaMegaSale.com
or your nearest Tourism Malaysia office

Petronas Malaysian F1 Grand Prix

The World's Hottest Race

15-17 Mar 2002



The Prime Minister of Malaysia viewing a race car

Plenty of excitement awaits motor-racing fans at the second leg of the 2002 Formula One World Championship from 15-17 March at Malaysia's Sepang F1 Circuit near Kuala Lumpur. The Petronas Malaysian Grand Prix, taglined 'The World's Hottest Race', will continue to see red-hot favourite Michael Schumacher of Ferrari, the four-time F1 champion, thrilling his fans. But challenging him will be brother Ralf Schumacher and Juan Pablo Montoya racing for Williams. Making a debut at Sepang will be the Toyota F1 team, McLaren's driver Kimi Raikonen and Malaysian Alex Yoong driving for team Minardi. There are 12 teams competing.

GETTING THERE:

The Sepang F1 Circuit is a 10-minute drive from the KL International Airport (KLIA), and about 45 minutes from Kuala Lumpur via the six-lane North South Expressway, exiting at the Elite Expressway to reach the circuit. Spectators travelling by rail can board the electrified KTM Komuter Service to Nilai Station, and take a 20-minute bus ride to the circuit.

Spectators can enjoy supercharged thrills and grandstand glamour under roofing comfort, protected from sun and rain as Sepang has 75,000 covered seats, the largest number among all circuits. Merchandise boutiques, catering and other facilities are available at both the West-side Welcome Area and the East-side F1 Village Area. Tickets are now on sale for the Mall Area Upper & Lower, Tower Corporate & Platform, Grandstand Lodge, Hill Stand Covered and Hill Stand Sunday only.

ORGANISER/INFORMATION/TICKETS :

Sepang International Circuit

Ticket Hotline: Tel : (60-3)-8526-2222

Fax : (60-3)-8526-2227

E-mail : ticket@malaysiangp.com.my

Website: www.malaysiangp.com.my



MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL PET EXPO 2002

14-17 Mar 2002

Pet lovers and the pet trade should not miss the first Malaysia International Pet Expo 2002, a trade and consumer fair for the pet, ornamental fish and garden pond industry, at the Malaysia International Exhibition and Convention Centre (MIECC). There will be 300 display booths with participation by foreign pet owners and the pet trade.

A number of CFA (Cat Fanciers Association) champions are expected to be at the International Cat Show on 16 Mar. The judges from Australia, Japan and Singapore will

follow the judging procedures set up by the CFA of USA. On 17 Mar, the International Dog Show will feature a variety of exotic breeds and a parade of pedigree dogs.

Fish competitions for Discus, Goldfish, Arowana and Japanese Koi are expected to be organised in collaboration with respective clubs. Trade events include seminars, workshops and visits to fish farms, pet shops and aquarium shops. The show is open to the public on 16 & 17 Mar.

INFORMATION: MIECC

Tel: (60-3)-8949-5566 Fax: (60-3)-8949-5567

E-mail: pet-world@petworld.com.my

Or events@mines.com.my

Website: www.mipe2002.com



Timber beauties on Keruing Trail



group).

The popular Keruing Trail, taking its name from the Dipterocarp species known as "Keruing" in Malay, which dominates along the trail, goes through one of the oldest plantations in FRIM and introduces some of Malaysia's most important timber trees. A 30-min walking trail (including stops), it starts from a clump of giant bamboo near the fish pond and exits near the library.

There are 26 numbered stations, some with illustrations of fruit, trunk base, and leaf. Information on the trees at the numbered stations can be found in the trail pamphlet.

In 1926, foresters began reclaiming abandoned farming land around the Keruing Trail, first planting so called "nurse trees" to protect the soil and leguminous plants to improve its fertility. Later they planted timber tree seedlings on the improved soil

and in the shade of the established cover. The oldest trees are now about 70 years old and the grassy fields once more turned into a forest.

INFORMATION: FRIM

Tel: (60-3)-6274-2633

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E-mail: hazlin@frim.gov.my

THE FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF MALAYSIA (FRIM) in Kepong on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur city is a fascinating cameo of the lush tropical rainforests of Malaysia. The Visitor Information Centre gives a glimpse of over 70 years of forest information and there are many trails and arboretums, e.g., fruit trees, conifers and ethnobotanical garden, to explore. Guide services are available (RM80 for a one-hour nature tour for a 40 pax



Rare finds at Perlis Park

CONSISTING OF MATA AYER FOREST Reserve and Wang Mu Forest, the 5,000 hectare-Perlis State Park offers a variety of attractions unique to it. Stretching along the western border of Perlis, the Park is situated on the Nakawan Range. This is the longest continuous range of limestone hills in the country, with beautiful, heavily forested slopes, sheer cliff faces separated by enclosed valleys called "wangs", streams and an extensive cave system ranging from narrow passageways to huge chambers. The limestone is of the Setul Formation, which is about 500 million

years old – older than the dinosaurs!

In the forests are many rare species of ginger, ferns, balsams and other Malaysian plant species found only here. The White Meranti-Gerutu Seasonal Forest of Malaysia, where trees shed their leaves during the dry season, and the Stumped Tail Macaque are also only found here. Other animal life in the forests include Serows, Panthers and six species of Hornbills

The Heritage Trail, an old footpath linking Wang Kelian, a Malay village and Kaki Bukit, a quiet town of Chinese ex-tin miners and their descendents, has significant historical and botanical values. The surrounding areas of Wang Mu and Wang Tangga used to be the only place in Malaysia where tin was extracted from caves and remains of the old tin mines can still be found in some of the caves.

Other attractions are Wang Burma Cave, an adventure cave; the Viewing Tower, Timah Tasoh Lake, Bukit Chabang - Perlis' Twin Peaks, kayaking on Meranti Lake located in a scenic valley, and Kasih Waterfall. Trekking up the 733m-high Mt. Perlis, the northernmost point of Peninsular Malaysia



(guide required) takes about 3-5 hours for a reasonably fit person.

Park Visitor Centre : All visitors are required to register and book guides here. Park accommodation is located at Wang Burma, about 1.2km from the Park.

Operating Hours : Saturday to Thursday 9am – 12 nn, 2pm – 5pm / Friday 9am – 12nn, 2.45pm – 5pm. Closed on Tuesday.

INFORMATION : Perlis State Park

Tel: (60-4)-945-7898

Email: psp@pd.jaring.my

Perlis State Forestry Dept.

Tel: (60-4)-977-6626

Fax: (60-4)-976-7901

E-mail: hutan@pd.jaring.my



Malaysia Tourism Awards 2000

Best Tour Operator - Domestic

Kuala Terengganu-based Ping Anchorage Travel & Tours, established in 1990, won the Best Tour Operator - Domestic in the Malaysia Tourism Awards 2000. It handles domestic and inbound groups from overseas and is also the ground operator for East Coast destinations for agents based in the West Coast of Malaysia. It accepts direct customer Internet bookings.

ENQUIRIES: 77A 1st Floor Jalan Sultan Sulaiman, 20000

Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia.

Tel: (60-9)-626-2020

Fax (60-9)-622-8093 /

626-2022

E-mail: patrvl@tm.net.my

Web Site: www.pinganchorage.com.my

Terengganu Fantasea 3D/2N

Tour Code: PA/032/TFS (Redang / Lang Tengah / Bidong Islands) Ex Kuala Terengganu



Kenyir Lake Safari

Day 1 - Pick up and transfer to Gem Beach Resort, Batu Rakit/ Check in - Depart to Bidong Island by boat - Arrival/Visit 'Little Saigon', the village left by Vietnamese refugees - Packed Lunch/ Snorkelling by boat around Bidong Island and Karah island - Transfer back to Gem Beach Resort - Dinner

Day 2 - Breakfast/Depart to Merang Jetty and Transfer to Redang Island by boat - Arrival / Visit Marine park centre, Feed

the colourful fish and snorkelling - Lunch /By boat to Lang Tengah island for snorkelling - Transfer back to Gem Beach Resort - Dinner

Day 3 - Breakfast/Leisure - Transfer back to Kuala Terengganu

INCLUSIVE OF: Accommodation at Gem Beach Resort (air-cond/ bathroom attached), 2 Breakfast/2 Lunch/2 Dinner, Snorkelling boat trip, Return boat transfer, Return jetty transfer, Guide

RATE PER PERSON (RM): S i n g l e 568.00 / Twin 459.00 / Triple 440.00 / Child 250.00. Excludes marine conservation fund RM5 per adult / RM2.50 per child



Nature for Corporate Outings



Located in the gentle hills of Bukit Tinggi, Pahang and offering natural attractions and sports, SELESA Hillhomes & Golf Resort is targeting corporate / and team building outings. The Lipur Lentang Forest Reserve, the Lentang Hot Pools and good fishing spots in Janda Baik Village are nearby, while in the resort are an 18-hole golf course set in 150 acres of gently undulating hills, lush green plains and and tennis courts. Jungle trekking, river trekking and mountain biking are popular activities.

About 35 minutes drive from Kuala Lumpur, the resort has air-conditioned and non air-conditioned fully furnished service apartments with basic

kitchenette, as well as air-conditioned Suites and deluxe rooms. The facilities include a Coffee House, meeting rooms, in-house movies, IDD telephone, movie room and Karaoke Fun Disco Lounge. Bentong Town, Genting Highlands and Bukit Tinggi Resort are 15-30 min. drive from Selesa

ENQUIRIES:

Sales & Reservation Office (Kuala Lumpur)

Tel: (60-3)-4042-6931/32/033

Fax: (60-3)-4043 -6460

E-mail: selesahh@tm.net.my

Resort: Tel: (60-9)-233-0039/42

Fax: (60-9)-233-0066



Kenyir Lake 4WD Safari

Tour Code: PA/006/KYS (Camping adventure)

Ex Kuala Terengganu

Day 1 - Briefing by Team Leader - Flag off, Depart to Kenyir Lake (Sungai Gawi) - Arrival Kenyir Lake - Start off road sector (Obstacles) - Lunch by lake site - Arrival camp site (Sungai Terengganu Mati) - Good spot for fresh water fishing / Fishing, swimming etc - Dinner

Day 2 - Breakfast - Break camp and depart to other camp site - Lunch - Jungle trek along the river - BBQ Dinner

Day 3 - Breakfast - Break camp and transfer back to Kuala Terengganu - Lunch at Kuala Terengganu

INCLUSIVE OF: Tent with camp bed (Twin Sharing), Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner/ Free flow of coffee & tea, 4WD vehicles with professional team leader, Lighting, Guide. All departures are subject to favourable weather conditions.

RATE PER PERSON (RM): 690.00 per person (Min. 8 persons)

YOUR CHECK LIST: Water bottle, rucksack, torch, walking shoes, hat, slippers, insect repellent, sun lotion, raincoat/ poncho, swimwear, water purifying tablet, anti malaria tablet, towel, shirts, pants, shorts, socks, soap, toothbrush, tooth paste, etc.

Restaurant comfort for all

In Malaysia, the Courtesy of Choice programme, initiated by the hospitality industry to offer customers smoking and non-smoking areas in the same F&B outlet, has been implemented in 140 F&B outlets in 72 hotels of 2 to 5-star rating, and in another 41 stand-alone restaurants in the Klang Valley.

Besides the Klang Valley, the programme is also running in hotels in Alor Setar, Langkawi, Sungai Petani, Penang, Ipoh, Seremban, Malacca, Johor Baru and Kuantan. Malaysian regulations under the Tobacco and Food Act require owners of air-conditioned restaurants



(from left) Abdullah Jonid, Andrew Jones (Director, International Hotel & Restaurant Association) and Peter Sprenger (Vice President, Malaysian Association of Hotels)

to allocate no less than 66 per cent of their total floor space to non-smokers. In hotels, the Act does not cover lobbies and bars where smoking is permissible. However, smoking is not allowed in meeting halls or banquet rooms. The Act does not cover those areas that are non-air-conditioned.

Tourism Malaysia Director-General Abdullah Jonid presented Courtesy of Choice certificates to participating properties.



Arts, crafts, bric-a-brac

The colourful Sunrise Arts, Bric-a-brac and Crafts Market held every Sunday (from 10am – 6pm) at the Plaza Mont Kiara, an office and restaurant centre in the Mont Kiara suburb of Kuala Lumpur, offers a wide variety of utilitarian and ornamental products from different countries. In the 70 odd stalls arranged round the fountain courtyard can be found antiques, books, toys, crafts, jewellery, paintings and souvenirs. Pausing for a meal or a drink is an equally pleasurable experience as there is a good selection of restaurants and cafes in the square serving local, western, Thai, Japanese and Italian specialties. Plaza Mont Kiara is near the Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club.



Prestigious Awards for hotels

The Shangri-la Kuala Lumpur is the only hotel in Malaysia listed in the Asian category in American hospitality magazine, Travel & Leisure's 6th Annual World's Best Awards 2001. The selection was based on rooms/facilities, location, service, restaurants/food and value. The hotel is undergoing a major renovation expected to be completed in March 2002.

The three-year old Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur has won the Business Traveller Asia Pacific Travel Award 2001 for best business hotel in Kuala Lumpur and the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences Five Star Diamond Award 2001, both accolades for the second year running.

It also won the Euromoney Business Travel Award 2001 for Top Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.



Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur Lobby



Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur

The Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur has received the Best Business Hotel in Malaysia 2001 award from the Business Asia Magazine and Bloomberg Television in Hong Kong.

Bukit Merah Laketown *shuttle*

DESINYO TRAVEL AGENCY has been appointed the General Sales Operator for a daily shuttle bus service from Kuala Lumpur and Penang to Bukit Merah Laketown Resort in northern Perak. The ex-Kuala Lumpur shuttle departs from Mutiara Hotel (Jalan Sultan Ismail) at 8am and arrives Bukit Merah at 1.30pm, fare RM30 one-way and RM55 return. The ex-Penang shuttle departs from Bayview Beach Resort at 7.30am and Prangin Mall at 8am, and arrives at Bukit Merah at 10am, fare RM23 one-way and RM40 return. From Bukit Merah, the Kuala Lumpur shuttle leaves at 2.30pm and the Penang shuttle at 4pm. The 174-room Bukit Merah Laketown Resort has a water theme park, the only Orang Utan Sanctuary in Peninsular Malaysia, an Eco Park with 'animal show', tree canopy hand pedal monorail, and other interesting eco-activities.



Representing Tourism Malaysia's Director-General at the signing ceremony was Deputy Director-General Haji Abdul Rahman Shaari (centre), flanked by DeSinyo GM Albert Stienissen (right) and Bukit Merah Laketown GM Kelvin Ho.

INFORMATION : Jon Su (Exec. Director) at DeSinyo
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E-mail: tourkul@desinyo.com

Martha Tilaar Spa in KL



TOTAL WELLNESS-conscious tourists will welcome the opening of the first Martha Tilaar Spa Eastern Rejuvenating Centre for women in Kuala Lumpur's Crown Princess Hotel. It offers spa and body treatments based on the three oldest civilisations of Asia – the Chinese Acupressure, the Indian Ayurvedic and the Javanese Rupasampat Wahya Biantara, or beauty as an expression of harmony in the total personality. According to founder Dr. Tilaar, outer beauty is achieved by treatments that are available at the centre while inner beauty comes from the consumption of natural herbs and Indonesian 'Jamu' remedies, meditation, fasting and praying. Natural ingredients like rice and jamu are used for its wide range of spa and aromatic products.

Services available at the Balinese-themed centre are body treatment, spa treatment, massage, facial, hair care treatment, and hand and feet care. Opening hours: Mon - Sun from 9am - 9pm.

ENQUIRIES : Tel: (6-03)-2775-3868
Fax: (6-03)-2775-3268

Round Up

Entry Visa at Tioman Island

PRC and Taiwan tourists who enter Malaysia using ferry services from Singapore, can now apply for visas at Tioman Island, a popular resort island in the South China Sea off the coast of Johor and Pahang. Situated in the Tioman Marine Park, the island offers several resorts, excellent diving sites, and snorkelling in the crystal clear waters for a view of the wonderful marine life.

PRC tourists can also obtain visas from 10 other entry points – KL International Airport, the regional airports in Penang, Kota Kinabalu, Kuching and Langkawi; the Second Link in Johor, Padang Besar in Perlis, Bukit Kayu Hitam in Kedah, Keroh in Perak and Rantau Panjang in Kelantan.

Hotels renamed

The MingCourt Vista Hotel Kuala Lumpur, fully renovated last year, and Paradise Lagoon Resort Port Dickson, have been renamed Corus Hotel Kuala Lumpur and Corus Paradise Resort Port Dickson respectively. The MUI Group of Malaysia, which also owns Corus & Regal Hotels that now has 97 hotels spanning the UK, Australia and Malaysia, owns both properties.

In the Bukit Bintang hotel belt, the 418-room Century Kuala Lumpur has been renamed Novotel Century Kuala Lumpur Hotel following an alliance between the two hotel groups. The hotel enjoys a central location in the shopping, dining, entertainment and business districts of Kuala Lumpur. All rooms and suites are of international standard and cater to business and leisure travellers. F&B outlets are a Mediterranean-styled brasserie, poolside terrace and the Long Bar and Café. The exclusive Royal Club Lounge serves continental breakfasts and evening drinks.

MARCH 2002

March 2 - 3
Raptor Watch Week 2002
Tanjung Tuan, Negeri Sembilan
Tel : 03-2287 9422 Fax : 03-2287 8773

March 2 - 31
March Malaysia Mega Sale Carnival
Throughout Malaysia
Tel : 03-4042 6040 Fax : 03-4041 2188

March 2
Official Launch Ceremony
Miri, Sarawak

March 2 - Apr 1
Malacca March Mega Sale Carnival
Major shopping complexes, Malacca
Tel : 06-230 7316/230 7228
Fax : 06-231 6973

March 3
Labuan March Mega Sale Carnival
Major shopping complexes, Labuan
Tel : 087-417 862
Fax : 087-417 861/427 86

March 2 - 3
The Vienna Boys Choir
Sabah
Tel : 088-233 030

March 3 - 5
Chingay Parade
Johor Bahru, Johor
Tel : 07-224 7910 Fax : 07-224 1530

March 8
Chap Goh Mei
Sabah
Tel : 088-212 121 Fax : 088-212 075

March 9 - 10
Ethnic Star Selangor
Morib Beach, Selangor
Tel : 03-3187 2732

March 9 - 11
Comic and Cartoon Exhibition
Sabah Art Gallery, Sabah
Tel : 088-243 581 Fax : 088-210 040
E-mail : gallery@tm.net.my

March 11 - 18
Pet World Expo
Mines Exhibition Centre, Serdang, Selangor
Tel : 03-4041 0311 Fax : 03-4043 7241

March 15
Awal Muharram (Ma'al Hijrah)
Throughout Malaysia

March 15 - 17
Petronas Malaysia F-1 Grand Prix
F1 Sepang Circuit, Selangor
Tel : 03-8526 2000 Fax : 03-8526 1000

March 16
Beach Fishing Competition, Sabak Bernam
Sabak Bernam, Selangor
Tel : 03-8945 2055 Fax : 03-8949 5567

March 21 - 24
Natives Festival
Termerloh/Kuantan, Pahang
Tel : 09-517 1623/24/27 Fax : 09-517 1626

March 22 - 24
Asia Kite Flying Competition
Taman Perbandaran Bukit Serindit, Malacca
Tel : 06-283 6577 Fax : 06-284 8550

March 23
ASEAN Katek Bird and Chicken Singing Competition
Sungai Batu Pahat, Perlis
Tel : 04-976 1008

March 23
Jubilee Park Run
Jubilee Park, Bukit Aup, Sibul, Sarawak
Tel : 082-423 600 Fax : 082-416 700

March 27 - 30
Kelantan Handicraft Sale & Exhibition
The Handicraft Village Kota Bharu, Kelantan
Tel : 09-748 5533/748 3518

March 29
Good Friday
Churches Throughout Malaysia

March 29 - 31
Harvest & Top Spinning Festival
Pekan, Pahang
Tel : 09-517 1623/24/27
Fax : 09-517 1626

March 29 - 31
Sabah Adventure Challenge 2002
Sabah
Tel : 088-248 097 Fax : 088-244 203
E-mail : kismy@po.jaring.my

March 30
Bukit Aup Run
Sibu, Sarawak
Tel : 082-423 600 Fax : 082-416 700

March 30 - 31
Birthday of His Royal Highness the Sultan of Kelantan
Kota Bharu, Kelantan
Tel : 09-7485534/748 3518
Fax : 09-748 6652

March 30 - April 7
Easter Celebrations
Mahkota Parade, Malacca
Tel : 06-282 6151 Fax : 06-282 7305

March 31
U.I.M Formula One Powerboat World Championship, Malaysia Grand Prix
Lido Beach, Johor Bahru, Johor
Tel : 03-7620 0420 Fax : 03-7620 0425

March 31
Easter Sunday
Sabah
Tel : 088-212 121 Fax : 088-212 075

APRIL 2002

April 1 - 6
Dikir Barat Championship Competition
Kota Bharu, Kelantan
Tel : 09-748 5534/748 3518
Fax : 09-748 6652

April 2 - 9
Kelantan Flora Fest
Tengku Anis Orchid Park, Pengkalan Chepa, Kelantan
Tel : 09-748 5534/748 3518
Fax : 09-748 6652

April 6
Kelantan International Merbok Singing Contest
Pasir Pekan, Tumpat, Kelantan
Tel : 09-748 5534/748 3518
Fax : 09-748 6652

April 6 - 7
Hilir Perak Rebana Festival
Teluk Intan, Perak
Tel : 05-623 4031 Fax : 05-621 5166

April 8
Birthday of His Royal Highness The Sultan of Johor
Johor Bahru, Johor
Tel : 07-224 1957 Fax : 07-223 4416

April 9 - 10
International Go-Kart 2002 Championship
Gunong Bachok, Kelantan
Tel : 09-748 5534/748 3518
Fax : 09-748 6652

April 10 - 13
Pahang River Rafting Expedition
Lipis-Pekan, Pahang
Tel : 09-266 3511 / 09-517 1624
Fax : 09-517 1626

April 11 - 13
Songkran Fest
Kg Tasek, Hulu Perak, Perak
Tel : 04-477 8224 Fax : 04-477 8458

April 11 - 15
Gendang Nusantara V Festival
Ayer Keroh Historical Square, Malacca
Tel : 06-232 6411 Fax : 06-231 7208

April 12 - 14
Special Olympics Mt. Kinabalu Challenge 2002
Sabah
Tel : 088-216 988/218 289
Fax : 088-223 005/216 923
E-mail : koth@pc.jaring.my

April 12 - 14
Malaysian International Dirt-Bike Carnival
Burung Mandi Lake Circuit, Sg. Kemahang, Lipis, Pahang
Tel : 09-517 1624 Fax : 09-517 1626

April 13
Songkran Fest 2002
Wat Chaiya Mangkalam
Tel : 04-281 7791 Fax : 04-281 7781

April 13
Vasakhi
Sabah
Tel : 088-212 121
Fax : 088-212075/217 311
Email : info@sabahtourism.com

April 13 - 14
Selangor Pekan Theatre
MPPJ Civic Hall, Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-5544 7128 Fax : 03-5513 0223

April 13 - 20
Tour of Asean Cycling Championship 2002
Kangar, Perlis
Tel : 04-977 1851/977 8617
Fax : 04-977 18511

April 13 - May 12
Water Festival Month
Throughout Malaysia

April 13
Official Launch Ceremony - Water Festival Month
Port Klang, Selangor
Tel : 03-2693 7111 Fax : 03-2693 4789

April 20
National Water Festival
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Tel : 03-2693 7111 Fax : 03-2693 4789

April 27
Sungai Kerian Water Festival
Bandar Baru, Kedah
Tel : 03-2693 7111 Fax : 03-2693 4789
Sungai Kerian, Kedah
Tel : 04-730 1957 Fax : 04-733 0908
Kerian, Perak
Tel : 05-253 2800 Fax : 05-241 8173

April 14
Regatta Lepa Semporna
Semporna, Sabah
Tel : 088-232 121 Fax : 088-265 540

April 14 - May 13
Fishing Competition
PD World Marina Resort, Negeri Sembilan
Tel : 06-662 6367 Fax : 06-662 560

April 15
13th Anniversary Celebration of Malacca's Historical City Declaration
Ayer Keroh Historical Square, Malacca
Tel : 06-232 6411 Fax : 06-231 7208

April 17 - 19
Cameron Highlands Carnival
Cameron Highlands, Pahang
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Pantai Cahaya Bulan Festival
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April 19
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April 19
Pulau Pasir Durian 2001 Festival
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April 19 - 21
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April 20
Perak River Safari
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April 20 - 21
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Kapit, Sarawak
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April 20 - 21
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April 21 - 22
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April 23 - 30
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April 27 - 28
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Shah Alam Square, Selangor
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April 27 - 28
Slalom Racing, Salan River, Jerantut
Salan River, Jerantut, Pahang
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April 27 - 28
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April 27 - 28
Bagan Lalang Beach Festival
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April 27 - 28
Squid Fishing Month
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April 27 - 29
Taiping Air Show
Taiping Airport
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April 28
Fishing Fest
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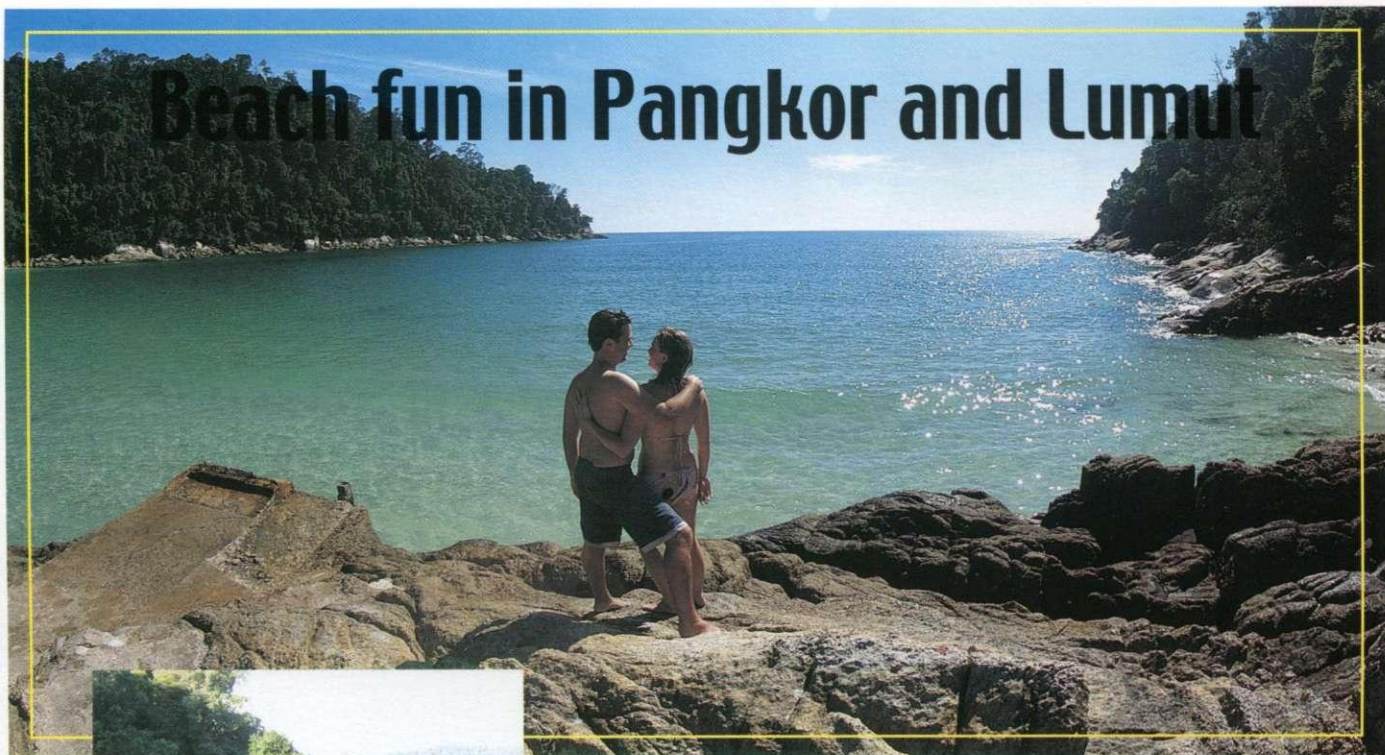
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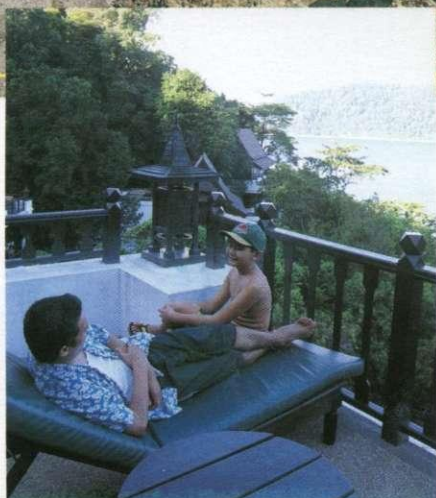


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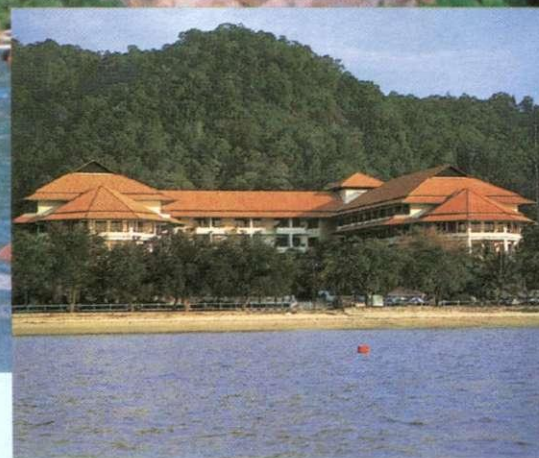
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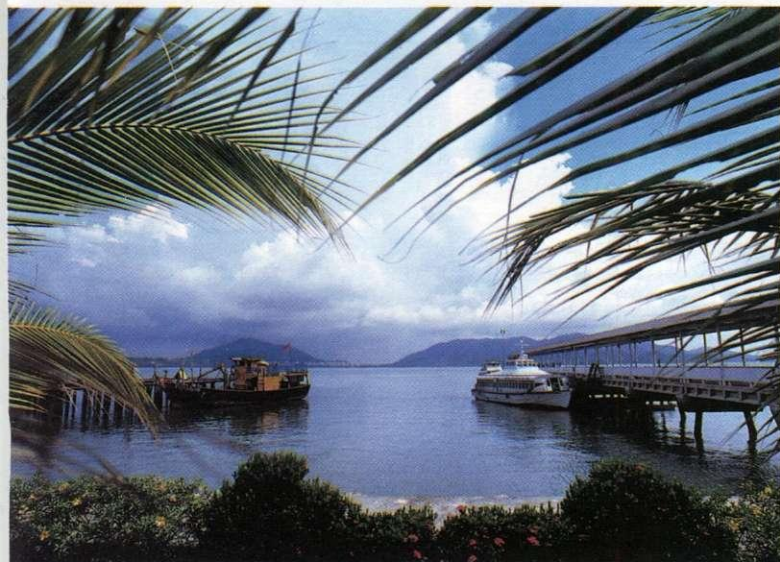
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Ferries are available to Pangkor Island from Lumut Jetty

and famous with anglers as the waters there abound with fish.

On the mainland, about 6.5km from Lumut is Teluk Batik beach, a white sandy beach popular with swimmers, kayakers, picnickers and campers. Facilities there include food stalls, shops selling beach items, picnic areas, changing rooms, toilets, and chalet accommodation. The main attraction at the bay of Teluk Rubiah is the Royal Teluk Rubiah Country Club, where golfers can enjoy a view of white sandy beaches and blue waters on the first nine holes.

At the northern part of the 6-km long Pasir Panjang Beach, the Green Turtles and the Olive Ridely turtles land all year round. Here is the Segari Turtle Hatchery, where hatchlings are released into the water. North of Lumut across the Dindings River lies the 298-room international-class Swiss Garden Resort Damai Laut, which sprawls over 400 acres of scenic coastal land and offers a range of water activities such as kayaking and windsurfing.

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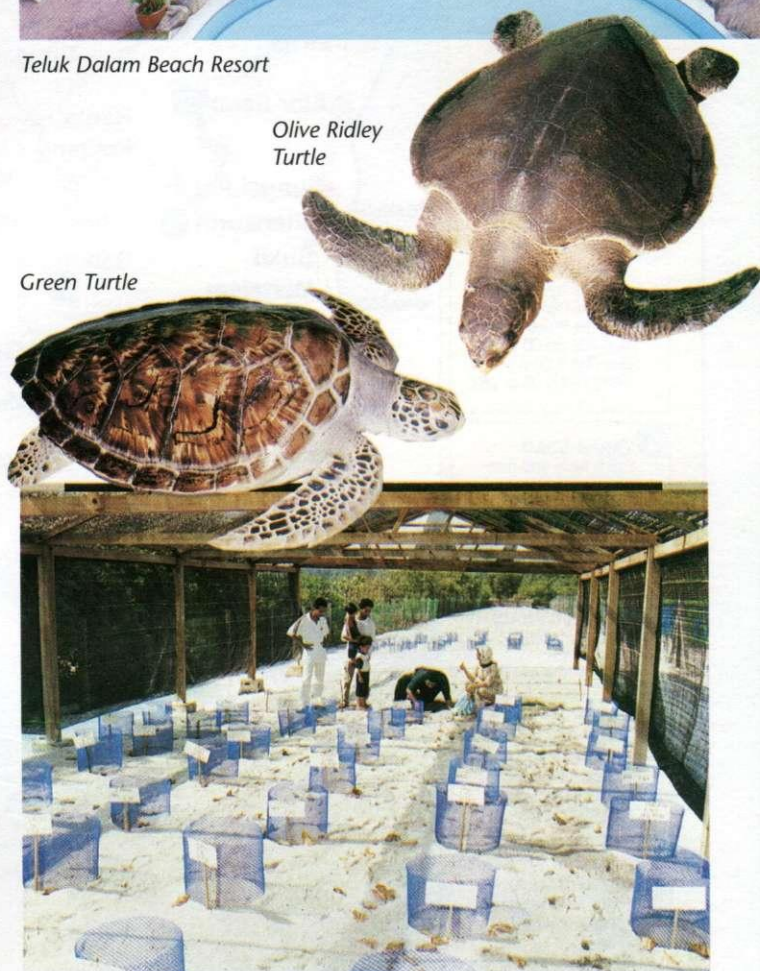
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Teluk Dalam Beach Resort

Olive Ridley
Turtle

Green Turtle



Segari Turtle Hatchery



White sandy beach of Puteri Dewi,
Pangkor Island



Teluk Batik is easily accessible from Lumut

THE RAIL WAY TO SEE MALAYSIA

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From here you may proceed by taxi:-
(i) to Kuala Kedah and then by ferry to Pulau Langkawi
Taxi RM 15.00 p/taxi
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(ii) to Pedu Lake
Taxi RM 80.00 p/taxi.
Return transfer: RM45.00/pax
(iii) to the foot-hill of Gunung Jerai and then proceed by van to Jerai Resort.
Taxi : RM15.00 p/taxi
Van: RM7.00 p/pax

1 ARAU
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Ferry : RM 12.00 p/pax

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(ii) Pantai Seri Tujoh- Bus RM 0.90 p/pax
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21 WAKAF BAHRU
From here you may proceed to Kota Bharu.
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19 PASIR MAS
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Taxi RM 15.00 p/ taxi (The Thai Town at the border is known as Golok)

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17 DABONG
From here you may proceed by car/van to Stong Hill.
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Boat RM 1.00 p/pax

16 GUA MUSANG
From here you may proceed by Taxi/Van to Taman Negara Kuala Koh.
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Van: RM 100.00 p/van.

15 MERAPOH
From here you may proceed by van to Taman Negara Sg. Relau and by 4 wheeler to Kuala Juram
Van: RM 4.00p/pax
4 wheeler: RM 15.00 p/pax (return)

14 KUALA LIPIS
From here you may proceed to Kenong Rimba Park, Jeram Besu and Jeram Kela. Arrangement can be made with local Travel Agents.

13 JERANTUT
From here you may proceed by taxi:-
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(ii) To Taman Negara by road at RM 25.00 p/pax (iii) To Tekam Plantation taxi RM 35.00 p/ taxi
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12 KLUANG
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11 JOHOR BAHRU
from here you may proceed by bus or taxi:-
(i) To Mersing and then by boat to Malaysia Tropical Island's - Taxi: RM 80.00, Bus: RM 9.00p/pax, Boat: RM 50.00 p/pax (Return) to Tioman Island from Mersing.
(ii) To Desa Rhu Beach - Bus: RM 6.50 p/pax, Taxi: RM 80.00p/pax

10 SEGAMAT
From here you may proceed by bus or taxi to Gunung Ledang.
Bus: RM 3.80 p/pax
Taxi: RM 24.00 p/taxi

9 TAMPIN
Tampin station is the gateway to historical Malacca. From here you may proceed by Bus or Taxi to :-
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Taxi: RM 35.00 p.pax Limo: RM 60.00
(ii) A' Famosa Resort

8 SEREMBAN
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6 KTM KOMUTER/ ELECTRIC TRAIN
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5 TAPAH ROAD
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4 IPOH
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3 BUTTERWORTH
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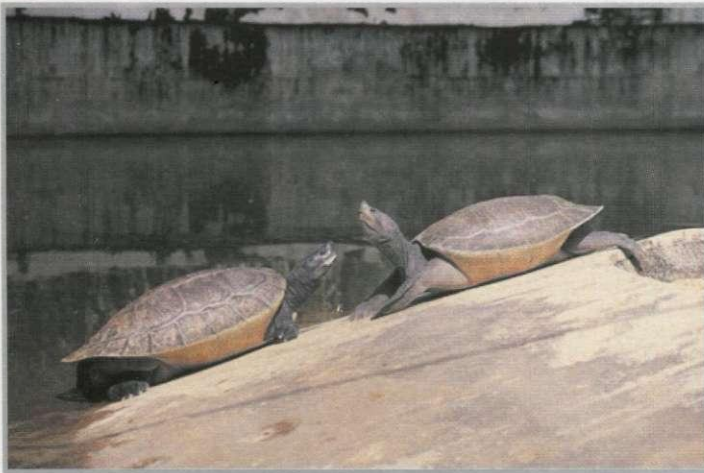
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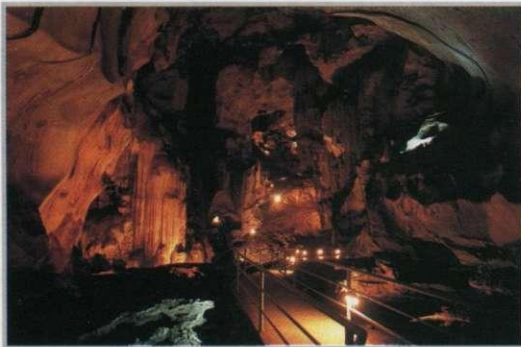
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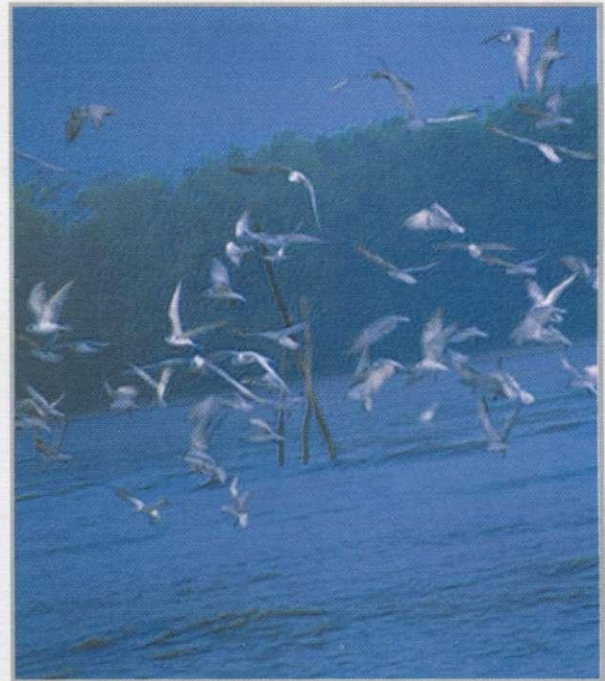
Wildlife and nature in Perak



River Terrapin



Tempurung Cave



Kuala Gula Bird Sanctuary

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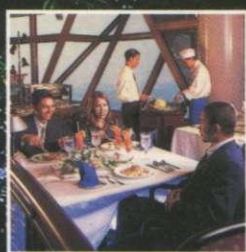


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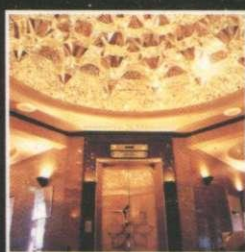
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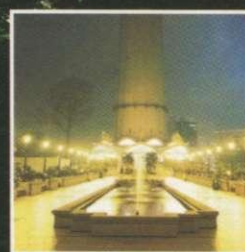
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